



CITY OF MORGAN HILL
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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

After Action
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2000

Morgan Hill Civic Center

City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408)779-7271

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair	Jim Wright
Vice-Chair	Joan Harkness
Committee Member	La Gina Metcalf
Committee Member	Daniel Rhodes
Committee Member	Ken Tougas
Committee Member	Doris Bateman
Committee Member	Jane Blissett

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig van Keulen

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wright

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Committee member Blissett was absent

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

YMCA Mt. Madonna Executive Director Zsiga

Glitch on computer in office so no newsletter yet. Activities have increased a bit. Member Tougas noted that on Good Friday a "rib feed" will be provided by Betsy's Restaurant and the Lion's Club. Father's Day dance is scheduled for June 18th.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 4/18/00 MEETING

Vice-Chair Harkness

Verbal reports at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting have been suspended until the master plan work is completed. Staff will provide copies of meeting minutes.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Tougas

Senior Legislature voted and Jim Wright is continuing on as Senior Legislature Assembly person.
Tobacco Funds allocation meeting is on May 16 at 7p.m. This will be a public hearing on how to spend the funds.
It has been suggested that \$2million be set aside for prescription drug costs to supplement medicare.
Copies of Meeting minutes available through Member Tougas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2000**
Motion made by Member Metcalf, seconded by Vice-Chair Harkness, approved 6:0.

BUSINESS:

2. **YMCA PROGRAMING PROPOSAL**

Recommended Action: Receive report from YMCA Mt. Madonna Executive Director Zsiga; provide input and recommend approval of program results.

YMCA Director Zsiga provided an update by stating that two computers and DSL lines have been purchased and Internet access provided. Computers are available two days a week through a youth volunteer partnership program to provide seniors hands-on computer/internet training.

Member Rhodes inquired if there was a volunteer program at the YMCA Senior Center equivalent to the role of candy strippers to assist seniors? There are volunteer programs but not one of this particular nature at the senior center.

Motion made by Member Tougas, seconded by Member Bateman to support approval of the programing funding to the Parks and Recreation Commission; approved 6:0.

3. **REVIEW OF RULES OF ORDER**

Recommended Action: Receive the information on meeting rules of order for reference

4. **SENIOR FACILITY SURVEY**

Tougas/Metcalf

Recommended Action: Provide update on progress and results.

Results so far: 200 surveys = 45% want new facility; 33% upgrade current facility; 22% interested in current library facility. Note: 10% of the surveys were from residents younger than 60 and all indicated they wanted a new facility. Members Tougas and Metcalf suggested discontinuing the survey distribution at this time.

Member Rhodes made a motion to keep results on file and have closure on the survey but keep the option to open for suggestions. Member Metcalf seconded with approval 6:0.

5. **THE FATHER'S HOUSE AT 271 WEST EDMUNDSON**

Recommended Action: Discuss results of open house; Provide input on potential use as a Senior Center/Multi-generational center.

Vice-Chair Harkness was pleased at the open house turnout and the reaction to the facility. Response was 6 to 1 to move forward on this project. See lots of potential and creative things.

Member Metcalf noted some negative comments she had received: How much time it would take to refurbish? Member Rhodes would like to see some of the features from Santa Clara Senior Center in programing list such as: auditorium; Health Nurse program; tax assistance; functional workshop; ceramics shop; and pool rooms. This site was visited by members Harkness, Blisset, and Rhodes.

Public Comment: Marie Skinner: Have concerns regarding emergency care at senior center. Mandatory for staff to be certified in CPR and First Aid.

Felix Amarjo: Seniors need help to administer first aid. Also need to consider bus area as the concrete/asphalt won't hold a VTA bus.

Peter Zsiga, YMCA: Staff are certified in first aid, CPR. Comments on the proposed facility: Amazed at the construction and appearance of the facility and appears to be a good opportunity. In relation to finding another

location you would have to have site selection, bid plans, construction plans, etc. and the time frame would be much longer. Time would be saved with this proposal. If there are concerns, then Committee should speak as a body.

Operation comments: look at response cards. What about those 60 years and younger? Should expect greater attendance, which will require additional funding. YMCA has staff trained to operate a Senior Center. Lots of discussions need to happen prior to finalization of plans. YMCA wants to cooperate together and should look at partnership possibilities. More activities will be possible due to space limitations at present site.

Motion by Member Bateman, seconded by Vice-Chair Harkness to recommend to the City Council to purchase this facility. Approved 6:0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Rhodes expressed concern regarding a local elderly care center and was disappointed and alarmed and didn't feel it was meeting standards for after hours care. He asked for assistance in pursuing this concern and was provided information regarding the Ombudsman Program provided through Catholic Charities by Member Tougas.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

COA Long term care report by Member Tougas.

Motion to adjourn made by Vice-Chair Harkness, seconded by Bateman, approved 6:0.

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting scheduled on June 6, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.